



The goal of health care reform is to lower costs for everyone with health insurance, and at the same time, provide an opportunity for the millions of uninsured Americans, including more than [139,000](#) uninsured individuals that live in the counties that make up the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, to purchase quality, affordable health insurance.

On Thursday, October 29, 2009 Congress introduced a bill that would provide the most sweeping health care reform in our nation in the last forty years. Leadership in the House of Representatives have kept their promise to the American people - at the strong urging of my Blue Dog Colleagues and I - that they would allow at least 72 hours between when the bill is introduced and when the bill will be voted on. This provides more transparency for a major piece of legislation than Congress has had in over 30 years.

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As promised, I will be reading this bill very carefully and taking into account all of the comments shared with me over the last few months from across New York's 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Like you, I understand this is not about just passing a health care bill; it is about passing the best possible health care bill - one that ensures all of our families have health care coverage while also being fiscally responsible. Over the past few months, I have held 8 town hall meetings, hundreds of meetings with doctors, nurses, hospital executives and constituents to get a sense of where the majority of the people in the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District stand on healthcare reform.

I still want to hear from you, so if you have an opinion on health care reform, please call, email or write to me.

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I am excited for the opportunity to interact with you and get your feedback about what we can do to reform our nation's healthcare system. Let's have a conversation and put together ideas to develop the best possible healthcare bill for everyone.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a schedule of upcoming town hall meetings on healthcare reform.